

the administration of that tariff-rate quota, USTR provided, in 15 CFR part 2012, for the use of export certificates with respect to imports of beef from countries that have an allocation of the in-quota quantity. The export certificates apply only to those countries that USTR determines are participating countries for purposes of 15 CFR part 2012. USTR, pursuant to an earlier request by the government of New Zealand, previously determined that New Zealand was a participating country.

The government of New Zealand has now requested that, effective May 1, 1999, New Zealand no longer be considered as a participating country for purposes of the export certification program. Accordingly, USTR has determined that, effective May 1, 1999, New Zealand is not a participating country for purposes of 15 CFR part 2012. As a result, imports of beef from New Zealand will no longer need to be accompanied by an export certificate in order to qualify for the in-quota tariff rate.

Charlene Barshefsky,

United States Trade Representative.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

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Great Lakes Pilotage Advisory Committee; Vacancies

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Request for applications.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard intends to establish the Great Lakes Pilotage Advisory Committee (GLPAC) and is seeking applications for appointment to membership. GLPAC will provide advice and make recommendations to the Coast Guard on regulations and policies on the pilotage of vessels on the Great Lakes.

DATES: Applications must reach the Coast Guard on or before June 15, 1999.

ADDRESSES: You may request an application form by writing to Commandant (G-MW), U.S. Coast Guard, 2100 Second Street SW, Washington, DC 20593-0001; by calling 202-267-6164; or by faxing 202-267-4700. Submit application forms to the same address. This notice and the application form are available on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Frank J. Flyntz, Executive Director of GLPAC, or Thomas Lawler, Assistant to the Executive Director, telephone 202-366-8981, fax 202-366-7147.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Great Lakes Pilotage Advisory Committee (GLPAC) will be a Federal advisory committee constituted under 5 U.S.C. App. 2. It will terminate on September 30, 2003, unless extended by Congress.

GLPAC will provide advice and make recommendations on Great Lakes pilotage to the Assistant Commandant for Marine Safety and Environmental Protection. It may advise, consult with, report to, and make recommendations to the Secretary of the Department of Transportation on matters relating to Great Lakes pilotage and may make these recommendations available to the Congress.

GLPAC will meet at the call of the Secretary at least once a year. It may also meet at the call of a majority of its members. Its subcommittees and working groups may meet to consider specific problems as required.

The Secretary will consider applications for seven positions that will have a term of not more than 5 years, as specified by the Secretary. GLPAC must have—

(a) Three members who are practicing, Great Lakes pilots and who reflect a regional balance;

(b) One member who represents the interests of vessel operators that contract for Great Lakes pilotage services;

(c) One member who represents the interests of Great Lakes ports;

(d) One member who represents the interests of shippers whose cargoes are transported through Great Lakes ports; and

(e) One member who represents the interests of the general public and who is an independent expert on the Great Lakes maritime industry.

To be eligible, applicants must have at least 5 years of practical experience in maritime operations. All members serve at their own expense and receive no salary, reimbursement of travel expenses, or other compensation from the Federal Government.

In support of the policy of the Department of Transportation on gender and ethnic diversity, the Coast Guard encourages applications from qualified women and members of minority groups.

Applicants selected may be required to complete a Confidential Financial Disclosure Report (OGE Form 450). Neither the report nor the information it contains may be released to the public, except under an order issued by a

Federal court or as otherwise provided under the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a).

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Joseph J. Angelo,

Acting Assistant Commandant for Marine Safety and Environmental Protection.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

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Houston/Galveston Navigation Safety Advisory Committee; Vacancies

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Request for applications.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Coast Guard is seeking applications for appointment to membership on the Houston/Galveston Navigation Safety Advisory Committee (HOGANSAC). HOGANSAC provides advice and makes recommendations to the Coast Guard on matters relating to the transit of vessels and products to and from the Ports of Galveston, Houston, and Texas City, and through Galveston Bay, Texas.

DATES: Applications must reach the Coast Guard on or before July 31, 1999.

ADDRESSES: You may request an application form by writing to Commanding Officer, USCG VTS Houston/Galveston, P.O. Box 545, Galena Park, TX 77547; by calling 713-671-5164; or by faxing 713-671-5159. Submit application forms to the same address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: CDR Paula Carroll, USCG, Executive Secretary of HOGANSAC, telephone 713-671-5164.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

HOGANSAC is a Federal advisory committee constituted under 5 U.S.C. App. 2. This committee provides local expertise on communications, surveillance, traffic control, anchorages, aids to navigation, and other, related topics dealing with navigation safety in the Houston/Galveston area as required by the Coast Guard. The committee normally meets three times a year at various locations in the Houston/Galveston area. Members serve voluntarily, without compensation from the Federal Government for salary, travel, or per diem. Term of membership will be for two years, not to exceed three years.

The Committee consists of eighteen members who have particular expertise, knowledge, and experience regarding the transportation, equipment, and